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FOR AMBASSADOR DENT, STR

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: "RETALIATION"

1. SIR CHRISTOPHER SOAMES TOLD ME LAST NIGHT OF YOUR TELEPHONE CALL IN WHICH YOU HAD QUITE CORRECTLY URGED HIM TO AVOID MENTION OF ANY POSSIBILITY OF RETALIATION. SOAMES SAID THAT WHEN HE HAD YOUR CALL HE HAD BEEN PUZZLED AND HAD WONDERED WHAT TRIGGERED YOUR CONCERN. HE HAD SINCE LOOKED INTO MATTER AND DISCOVERED STORY IN LONDON TIMES MAY 1 HEADLINED "CAR IMPORT CURBS COULD BRING RETALIATION, EEC WARNS AMERICA." SOAMES HAD SOUGHT EXPLANATION FROM COMMISSION SPOKESMAN WHO ASSURED HIM WORD "RETALIATION" HAD NOT BEEN USED IN COMMISSION BRIEFING FOLLOWING US/EC CONSULTATIONS. WHILE SPOKESMAN HAD INDEED, AS HAS SOAMES, SPOKEN OF GRAVE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES THAT COULD FLOW FROM ANTI-DUMPING AUTOMOBILE DECISION AND OF POSSIBILITY THAT THESE CONSEQUENCES WOULD TEND TO INCREASE PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES, TIMES CORRESPONDENT MICHAEL HORNSBY HAD SUPPLIED THE OFFENDING WORD.

2. I PROMISED TRANSMIT SIR CHRISTOPHER'S EXPLANATION BUT TOOK OCCASION TO POINT OUT THAT I HAD NOTED DIFFERENT TONES OF OUR RESPECTIVE POST-CONSULTATION BRIEFINGS. US PRINCIPALS HAD CHOSEN TO ACCENTUATE THE POSITIVE AND THE COMMISSION PRESS SPOKESMAN TO ACCENTUATE THE DANGERS. I SUGGESTED THAT IN
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FUTURE IT WOULD BE WELL TO HAVE PARTICIPANTS FROM BOTH SIDES

DO BRIEFING. IN LIGHT THIS LITTLE INCIDENT SIR CHRISTOPHER
AGREED. HINTON

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